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Dear Sir,

The purpose of a settlement should be fair to parties concerned and this settlement is in line with that.

However, certain states that primarily include Microsoft's competitors, will like to use the opportunity to do as much harm as they can in the name of an open platform. If their products are good, the market would embrace them. It seems a proxy fight for Sun, Apple and Oracle that these states are trying to fight. The intention of the Attorney General of these states would be considered neutral if they had publicly disclosed the absence of any financial backing by these companies to their election campaign.

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